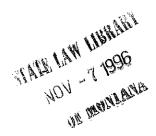
## State of Montana Office of the Governor





Executive Order No. 27-96

## EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE MONTANA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, it is the policy and goal of the State of Montana under Title 90, Chapter 3, MCA, "to encourage scientific and technological development within the state in order to keep pace with a changing economic structure and to create new jobs and expand business opportunities"; and

WHEREAS, research into new technologies is a major component of the state's economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the development of new technology and its application has been viewed as critical to the long-range economic and social future of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, academic studies, human resource development, and economic goals can be integrated through research and technology development; and

WHEREAS, the state must contribute funds to match those from other sources in order to participate in certain federal and other research and development programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of

Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby create the Montana Research and Development Task Force (Task Force).

## I. PURPOSE

The Task Force shall:

- A. Recommend a plan to the Governor that will provide for state participation in research and development projects undertaken in the state's public institutions of learning. The recommendations must address, but not be limited to, the following:
  - 1. source and amount of funds to be made available;
  - 2. administration of funds to ensure accountability;
  - 3. projects which qualify for funding;
  - 4. structure of funds disbursed; and
- B. Recommend to the Governor a plan that will provide ongoing counsel to the Governor, the Legislature, and other appropriate state agencies concerning the status of global research and development proposals that may provide worldwide and specific opportunities to maximize Montana resources.

## II. COMPOSITION

The Task Force shall be comprised of not more than fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The names and addresses of the members, who serve at the pleasure of the Governor, are submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State. The Chairman shall also be appointed by the

Governor.

III. ADMINISTRATION

The Task Force shall be attached to the Department of Commerce for administrative purposes.

IV. COMPENSATION

The Task Force members eligible for compensation under Section 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated through the Department of Commerce for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Task Force duties. All members, who are not full-time state employees shall be reimbursed for travel expenses, pursuant to Section 2-15-122(5), MCA.

V. DURATION

The Council shall exist until December 31, 1996, unless extended by subsequent Executive Order.

This order shall be effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 244 day of October, 1996.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST: